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 For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FACILITATING THE PRE-PUBLICATION PEER REVIEW PROCESS

**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY  
 STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) AND 1.27(c)) – SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

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the owner of the small business concern identified below:



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I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention, entitled

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FACILITATING THE PRE-PUBLICATION PEER REVIEW PROCESS

by inventor(s) Brian Dale Ross; Lauren Daniel Stegman and Alnawaz Rehemtulla

described in



the specification filed herewith



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Utility Application**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FACILITATING THE PRE-PUBLICATION PEER REVIEW PROCESS** the specification of which

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was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as United States Application Serial No. Not yet assigned  
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Date of Filing	Priority Claimed	
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Application Number(s)	Filing Date

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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